

## **Englishman River Water Service Contract Award**

The Englishman River Water Service management board met today to approve the award of the contract for the water intake, water treatment plant and Top Bridge reservoir transmission main to Knappett Projects Inc. The contract amount is \$21,181,194 (plus GST). As well, the ERWS management board authorized staff to award the supply of membrane filtration equipment to H2O Innovations for \$3,720,298.

Construction is expected to begin in four to six weeks with the first stage of construction to involve excavation and trenching for underground utility construction located on City of Parksville property in the industrial park. Completion of the project is anticipated to be during summer 2018 which allows compliance with Island Health's operation conditions for the project.

Pre-qualifications for Contract 1 were advertised in August 2016 and following technical evaluation based on previous experience, resources, project management and relative project size and bonding capabilities, general contractors were selected to bid on ERWS contracts. Request for tenders for the Springwood Reservoir transmission main (Contract 2) will be issued in February to pre-qualified contractors.

Once this significant community project is complete, the community's water system will ensure high-quality, safe water which will exceed Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines and the project will be sized to handle water demands for future generations.

The full report presented to the ERWS management board may be viewed on the ERWS website at [http://www.englishmanriverwaterservice.ca/erws\\_documents/mtb\\_erws\\_contract\\_awards\\_jan\\_24\\_2017.pdf](http://www.englishmanriverwaterservice.ca/erws_documents/mtb_erws_contract_awards_jan_24_2017.pdf)

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